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Dodge County Public Health COVID-19 Update: Celebrate Thanksgiving while Keeping Family and Friends Healthy

Dodge Co, WI: In the first week of November, Wisconsin surpassed record high numbers for confirmed positive cases, deaths, and hospitalizations. In Dodge County that translated into more than 100 new community cases of COVID – 19 each day. Additionally, since the beginning of November, 24 Dodge County residents have lost their battle with COVID-19 and will not be with us this holiday season. In order to stop the spread of COVID-19, we urge Wisconsinites to take extra precautions this Thanksgiving.

“This pandemic won’t last forever, and we can be hopeful for improved treatments and vaccines for COVID-19. But for this Thanksgiving, we urge you to make safe choices so we can stop the spread of COVID-19 here in Dodge County and the rest of Wisconsin,” said Abby Sauer, Dodge County Public Health Officer. “This year may be different but there are still ways we can all safely celebrate and be thankful. Stay home as much as possible, wear a face covering when outside your home, maintain six feet of physical distance from those not in your household, and do your best to limit your gatherings to only those in your household, to the best extent possible, this Thanksgiving.”

Dodge County Public Health wishes you, and all residents of Dodge County, a safe and healthy Thanksgiving and offers these tips that can allow us to be thankful for good health this year and beyond:

- Avoid travel. Travel increases your chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Share a meal with only the people who live in your household.
- Prepare meals and treats for delivery. If you deliver them in a way that doesn't involve contact, this can be a great way to safely share the holidays with family, friends, and neighbors.
- Have a virtual dinner with friends and family. Consider virtually connecting while you cook, while you eat, or both.
- Shop online rather than in person.
- Watch sports events, parades, and movies from home.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI DHS) offers a decision tool for individuals and families to make choices that are best for you and all others. You can see that decision tool, and much more at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/decision.htm>

To read the latest information about COVID-19 check the Dodge County Public Health Facebook page, the COVID 19 Information Center page of the Dodge County website, and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI DHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites.

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